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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: S. Chen et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/454,316 EXAMINER: E. Johnson
FILED: December 3, 1999 GROUP: 1754
FOR: CATALYST FOR OXYACYLATION AND USE OF THE SAME

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

SIR:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated March 27, 2001 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please re-write the second full paragraph on page 5 of the application to read as follows:

The operation temperature of the above oxyacylation process is in the range of 100°C to 250°C, preferably 140°C to 200°C; the operation pressure is in the range of 0 to 15 kg/cm²•g, preferably 5 to 10 kg/ cm²•g.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) A catalyst for oxyacylation to produce allyl acetate, which comprises palladium metal as the main catalyst, tin metal or a mixture of tin and additional metal(s) as the promoter, in combination with an alkali or alkaline earth metal compound, supported on the outer surface of a porous carrier.